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**CITIZENS BOND REVIEW COMMISSION
ONE CIVIC CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR
7447 E. INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251
MARCH 1, 2001
5:00 PM**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Bernadette Phillips-Garcia, Chairman
Steven Sagert, Vice Chairman
Larry Beckner
William Heckman
Thomas Lanin
William Magoon
Lisa Samuel
Lee Tannenbaum
William Welch
Sam West
Linda Milhaven

ABSENT:

Sue Sisley (excused)
Gregg Maxon (excused)
Eric Schechter

STAFF:

Judy Frost, Budget Manager
Doug Bartosh, Chief of Police
James Jenkins, General Manager, Financial Services Dept.
William Exham, Manager, Community Services Department
Al Dreska, General Manager, Municipal Services Dept.
Roger Klingler, Assistant City Manager

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Scottsdale Citizens Bond Review Commission was called to order by Chairperson Phillips-Garcia at 5:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the minutes from the February 22, 2001 meeting was tabled until the following meeting, as several of the Commissioners had not received the minutes in time to review them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review Architectural Services Contract bid award for the design of two, new permanent fire stations. The Scottsdale Airport Station is funded from the approved 2000 bonds. The Ashler Hills & Pima Road Station is funded from pay-as-you-go capital funds.**

Mr. Jim Ford, Rural Metro, distributed a revised copy of Council action, noting that the amount of the contract had been reduced by approximately \$30,000. He also distributed a map of the fire stations and an aerial photo of the subject structure. Mr. Ford explained that replacement of the temporary trailer facility with a permanent fire station facility is critical. He stated that four stations would be built in two years, with two separate architectural firms having responsibility for two stations each. He asked the Commission to review the proposal and send it to City Council for approval.

Commissioner Sagert moved approval to pass on a recommendation for approval of Contract Number 2000-196-COS, in the amount of \$149,025, for the design of two, new permanent fire stations to be located at the Scottsdale Airport and adjacent to the Water Resources Facility located at Ashler Hills and Pima Road. Second by Commissioner Lanin.

In response to a question by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Ford clarified that the Ashler Hills station is being funded with Capital Improvement funds and is not part of the bond. The bond applies only to the Scottsdale Airport Station. He repeated that Rural Metro is trying to build four fire stations, and that in the interest of time, it was decided that two separate firms would each design two fire stations. Thus, they are packaged together for planning purposes, but are not on the same bond.

Commissioner Magoon asked about the public outreach with regard to sites in the affected neighborhoods. He also inquired as to whether the actual design had been approved. Mr. Ford replied that the new locations will be reviewed with the homeowner's associations and that upon receipt of the architectural plans, they would appear before the DR Board for all four stations.

Commissioner Lanin requested clarification on the amount of bond funding and of CAP funds involved. Mr. Ford replied that \$90,775,00 was bond funding for the design of the airport station, with the remaining \$58,000 coming from different sources.

Commissioner Sagert asked whether this project was in conjunction with the helicopter facility. Mr. Ford responded in the negative as the helicopter project has been delayed for several years.

There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Review Library & Park Improvements bond program, and consider a staff recommendation to modify the timing of three projects.** Mr. Jenkins explained that the issue of moving monies from one period to another would become a typical process over the next six years, as it is impossible for staff to estimate the exact year in which the improvement would be scheduled. He added that the voters approved the baseline, and modifications would then be referred to City Council with a recommendation for the proposed changes.

Mr. Exham provided an overview of the planning units utilized by the City and explained their relation to growth and population. He pointed out the areas accommodating new facilities and those involving renovation or expansion of aging facilities. Mr. Exham explained that part of the long-range plan for parks and recreation amenities, as well as libraries, has been completed for many years. The underlying philosophy is to make these facilities accessible to all areas of the city, and to distribute the impacts equitably.

Mr. Exham discussed the timing issue, noting that it is dependent upon many factors including speed of development in an area, and the relationship to other projects.

There was a brief discussion as to the Commission's role and Chairperson Phillips-Garcia clarified that the voters had approved the bond and the timing of the projects. Only in the event of a change would the project be brought before the Bond Commission for approval. All of the programs will also be approved by City Council in the upcoming budget process.

Mr. Exham proceeded with an overview of the Sonoran Hills Project, which represents Phase Two of a planned park in conjunction with a Paradise Valley Elementary School. Phase One was a grassed detention basin used by the residents for informal recreation. The park was intended to be built in 2003 and 2004, based on projections of need by Paradise Valley Elementary School. Mr. Exham stated that his department had been approached at the end of last year and requested that the project be moved up due to increased population and the need for the elementary school.

He noted that it is consistent with the parks plan, and that the only issue is that of lighting. The residents oppose lighting the field. Mr. Exham indicated that they would follow the direction of City Council regarding the lighting issue, and commented that the only issue before the Bond Commission was the timing request. He also added, in response to a question from Chairperson Phillips-Garcia, that there would be some savings to the City, as a result of the larger bid package involving the school and the park.

Mr. Exham proceeded to discuss the Chaparral Pool and bathhouse project. The major cost is represented by the roof installation to cover the current open-air bathhouse area. The project would basically upgrade the entire facility and would address concerns raised by the Health Department. Mr. Exham also noted that the City is bound under an agreement with the Scottsdale School District to make pools available for the high-school swimming programs and does so by providing Chaparral, El Dorado and Cactus pools.

The third project to be discussed under the timing request was Mustang Library. Mr. Exham described Mustang Library as the second oldest library within the city of Scottsdale, and one that receives a high volume of users. The number one complaint has been the absence of a "quiet area" for research or study activities. Given the availability of the funds, accelerating the timing on this project was felt to be responsive to the needs of the residents and the large number of frequent library patrons. Commissioner Heckman noted that the project cost seemed very high. Mr. Exham replied

that soundproofing, bringing in the required technology, and tying into the existing structure all contribute to the expense.

Mr. Exham was asked if there were any other projects he planned to move up from the original listing. He replied that there was a possibility of bringing a request to the Commission to move the Civic Center Senior Center up to 2001/02 if the City Council wants to use the recently purchased Smitty's site as the location.

Commissioner Milhaven moved approval of a recommendation to City Council to modify the timing of the Mustang Library Study Room, Sonoran Hills Park, and the Chaparral Pool Bathhouse. Commissioner West seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Exham went on to present an overview, for informational purposes, of the proposed projects for the Arabian Library, development of a soccer field/parking area to the north of the Tournament Players Golf Course, construction of the McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center, renovation of the El Dorado Recreation Complex, acquisition of land in north Scottsdale for future park development, and renovation of buildings on the old Paiute school site. The Commissioners discussed various impacts of these projects, such as traffic, parking, and lighting.

Chairperson Phillips-Garcia inquired as to the remainder of the projects on the list that had not been discussed. Mr. Exham replied that those projects were under the jurisdiction of other departments. It was decided to invite a representative from the Transportation Department to address those projects. Mr. Al Dreska provided the Commission with an outline of the two WestWorld Projects, which are slated for initiation as proposed in the upcoming budget cycle.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chief Bartosh presented an overhead map of the police stations and patrol beat boundaries, in response to a request by Commissioner Tannenbaum. He reviewed the various locations and noted that the beat boundaries are based on calls for service, not population. Chief Bartosh added, however, that the number of calls for service tends to follow population density. Commissioner Tannenbaum indicated that the presentation had been very helpful to her.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Welch requested information on the sale of the bonds. He also inquired as to the City of Scottsdale's bond rating. Mr. Jenkins replied that, to

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date, no bonds have been sold. He commented that the city plans to schedule \$40,000,00 to \$50,000,000 in bond issues each year to equalize the tax rate. Mr. Jenkins also stated that all three of the city's bond rating agents have given the City of Scottsdale a rating of AAA.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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